

## FOREIGN GOSSIP.

When the elevator was first invented at Schoenbrunn, in 1760, and placed in the summer residence of the Austrian emperor, it was called the "flying chair."

The big cities of Russia are as follows: The population of St. Petersburg is 1,132,677; Moscow, with its two suburbs, 958,614; Odessa, 465,041; a great increase since 1892, and Warsaw, 626,072.

The castle at Brindisi, built by the Hohenstaufen Emperor Friedrich II., is now used as a prison. The grounds are full of vipers, and every summer six to ten of the criminals are killed by them.

Glasgow is not so free from taxes as most Americans believe, for the receipts from the numerous industrial plants belonging to the city are not allowed by law to be used for the improving and cheapening of the article on which the profit was made.

In Australia a novel idea has been introduced for feeding out the "man who doesn't dance." Each lady has a slip of paper perforated in squares, one square for each dance on the programme; she gives one of these coupons to her partner at the end of each dance and any man who cannot produce a fair percentage of coupons is refused admission to the supper room.

Recent estimates are to the effect that asphalt is being dug out of the famous tar lakes of Trinidad—the most notable existing sources of the material in the world—at the rate of 80,000 tons per annum. There are still 4,500,000 tons in sight, but at this rate the supply could not last long were it not that the lake of bitumen referred to is receiving a constant accretion from the bowels of the earth.

Occasionally interesting bits of philology come up in the police court. Thus, not long ago, a farm laborer in England was sued for damages because he had "thrown up his job" after accepting "arles." Any good dictionary should tell what arles are, but not one in the courtroom seemed to know about the word or the idiom. In the north country speech "arles" are earnest money, the equivalent of the "queen's shilling," which the recruit takes when he enlists. It is supposed that the word comes from the Norman French.

## SLAVERY IN SIBERIA

Poor People Are Accustomed to Sell Their Young Children Into Bondage.

In the district of Yakutsk, in Siberia, the sale of young children is not only a custom of old standing, but has become a kind of recognized industry. The price of a child varies from ten to 15 rubles. The purchasers of these "living wares" are usually Russian exiles and government officials. The sellers are the native Siberians. It very frequently happens that the buyers are compelled to buy their own illegitimate offspring from the native mothers. The custom of selling children among the Yakuts has not improbably arisen and been fostered by the stress of poverty. In the northern part of that region the winter lasts fully nine months. Tillage is impossible. There are no home industries and the coasts are too far distant for fishing operations. The only occupation is the chase of furred game and that is alike meager and unprofitable. The Yakut sells his children to preserve his miserable homestead and feed his famished cattle. He prefers to sell his offspring to Russian buyers, but usually he has no scruples as to the personality of the purchaser so long as the money is forthcoming.

The usual object of the buyer is to have the benefit of the child's labor until it comes of age. Until they reach the age of 21 years these young people, male and female, are the absolute slaves of the buyers. Girls are sometimes married by their owners before they come of age, but those are the exceptional cases. More frequently they are made to serve the vile purposes of their masters. It is said that the Russians themselves have to a certain degree adopted the detestable practice of selling their children. In these cases the sellers are convict exiles and the buyers government officials.

## PATRON OF IRISH INDUSTRY.

A Beautiful English Woman Who Always Clothes Herself in Home Products.

The daughter of a simple country gentleman is Hon. Mrs. Charles Russell, whose beauty and cleverness have earned for her a unique place in London society, writes a correspondent to an exchange. Before her marriage she was Miss Ada Williams, and on her union with the second son of the late Lord Russell of Kilgerran, she received a handsome portion from her wealthy and generous father.

"Throughout the gay spring season, when London society is most brilliant, Mrs. Russell entertains royalty and nobility at small dinners notable for their charm and perfection, and the lovely hostess has among her women friends the enviable reputation of 'dressing as we are, as an American.' Indeed, her gowns are no less famous than her good looks, good nature and exquisitely appointed dinners, and that which renders her beautiful clothes and her fair face most conspicuous is the almost total disregard she affects for jewel decorations. This is her preference, not spite of the fact that she has inherited one of the finest collections of precious stones in England and possesses some marvelous diamonds, one of which is but a little less splendid and valuable than the Jubilee diamond which created so great a sensation at the Paris exposition.

In summer Mrs. Russell and her husband transport their small family to a charming cottage in Ireland, to which country she is entirely devoted, and whose interest she has close at heart. The materials for most of her beautiful gowns come from Ireland, especially her laces, linen costumes, and it is her pride that every straw hat she wears is braided by Irish hands from Irish materials.

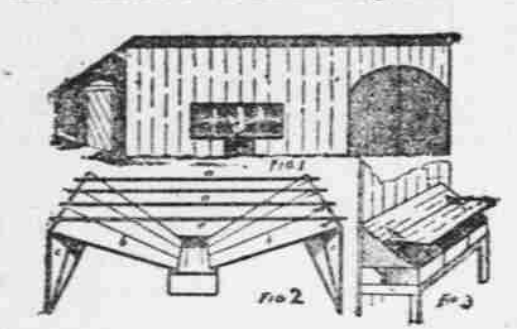
**Vocal Soloists.** When a soloist sings, all the other soloists in the town who are present also cheer, so as to get it back when they sing.—Washington (La.) Democrat.



## GOOD POULTRY HOUSE.

Its Arrangement, Many Think, Is Particularly Well Adapted for Farm Purposes.

The henhouse here shown has proved very satisfactory. It is 20 feet long, ten feet wide, seven feet high in front and four feet in rear. The scratching shed is eight feet long and should be on the east end. The window is two by five feet eight inches, using glass 12 by 16 inches. It is one foot from floor, which admits sunshine over most of the floor surface and does not give too much light on roosts, which is undesirable. A small door with slide arrangement is cut beneath window for fowls to go in and out. The large door is two by six feet; another door of like dimensions should be cut in east side of house proper to allow entrance to scratching shed. In



severe weather a canvas can be hung inside over the wire front. Nests are arranged in the intervening spaces, 18 inches above floor, around the front and two ends.

The roosts are the full length of the rear and extend six feet from back wall toward the front. These should be three feet high and built as in Fig. 2. This allows ample room to clean underneath and to lift out the troughs. The roosting poles are on a level and at each end fitted snugly into sawed notches. All can be easily removed for cleaning, as may the bottoms of the nests (Fig. 3), which have short, movable boards for the floor of the nests. Drinking cans or troughs are arranged just under the window; dust and grit boxes likewise. A house similarly constructed, with all useful inside arrangements, can be built for \$25. If lined with light building paper it will be nearly frost proof and easily kept free of vermin. Any kind of a floor can be made, but I prefer a raised earthen floor. Muck or clay well packed, then wet thoroughly, will after drying make a floor that can be swept. Sand should be thrown over it after cleaning and before litter is put in the house.—American Agriculturist.

## THE ITALIAN BEE.

Why It Is More Profitable Than the Common Stock and Superior to the Hybrids.

The Italian is the most profitable bee. Even the hybrids are much superior to the common bee. Sometimes there are colonies of hybrids that are better than the pure stock. But, as a writer correctly said: "Even if it were true that hybrids produce as much honey as pure Italians, each beekeeper would want at least one queen of absolute and known purity; for although a first cross might do very well, unless he had this one pure queen to furnish queen cells he would soon have bees of all possible grades, from the faintest trace of Italian blood, all the way up. The objection to this course is that these blacks, with about one band to show trace of Italian blood, are the wickedest bees to sting that can well be imagined, being very much more vindictive than either race in its purity; they also have a very disagreeable way of tumbling off the combs in a perfectly demoralized state whenever the hive is opened, except in the height of the honey season, and of making a general uproar when they are compelled, by smoke, to be decent. Our pure Italian stocks can be opened at any time and their queens removed, scarcely disturbing the cluster, and as a general thing without the use of any smoke at all, or one who is fully conversant with the habits of bees. A good many hybrids will not repel the moth, as do the half-bloods and the pure Italians. For these reasons and several others, rear all your queens from one of known purity. If we do this we may have almost if not quite the full benefit of the Italians as honey gatherers, even though there are black bees all about us."

**Market Uniform Hogs Only.** If a man has a good many hogs to send to market, and intends to send them along in different lots, it will generally pay him to select for each lot animals of uniform size and finish. Uniformity pleases the eye and exerts an influence on every man, though the man subject to the influence may not be aware of it. The buyer may not really intend to pay for uniformity in his purchases of swine, but he will often do so in spite of himself. If a man have a number of pigs that are not up to the average of the others, it will often pay him to hold them back and feed them for a few weeks longer. A buyer will not willingly turn away from a nice lot of uniform animals just to save a little on the price of each.—Farmers' Review.

**Corn Meal Is Expensive.** A communication from the Vermont experiment station says: Corn meal is the cow feed bought by a great majority of Vermont farmers when they are short on the grain ration. This is really about the most expensive concentrate that could be found in the market. Its expensiveness results not from its high price, but from the fact that it contains such very small quantities of the protein needed in milk-making. Just one look at a table showing the chemical composition of standard feeding stuffs ought to convince any dairyman of the extravagance of buying corn meal. The feeding stuffs inspection at the Vermont experiment station calls particular attention to this one fact.

## YOUNG BELGIAN HARES.

They Are Very Susceptible to Drafts and Cannot Stand as Much Cold as the Old Ones.

From the time of weaning until the young have passed through their first moult, is, perhaps, the time the most care should be taken in feeding, of any time during the animal's entire life.

It depends somewhat on the kind of feed the mother has been given as to what the little hares can be fed. If the mother had been fed green weeds with a little hay and grain the young ones can be fed the same kind of feed, only the quantity of green feed should be diminished and the dry hay and grain increased in proportion. It is well for the first week or two to feed a little sweet milk or milk and bread after weaning. The little hares soon learn to eat, and look forward to feeding time the same as the older ones. They are perhaps the most easily reared after the stage of weaning of any domestic animal.

We find it better to feed a little oftener at this age than we feed our older hares, or at least to keep plenty of good, sweet hay before them all the time. When they reach the age of three months we feed them as we do the others.

At three months of age they should be gone over carefully, and the does and bucks separated. Those not good enough to use as breeders may be sent to the table or saved until they are older and heavier, and then killed. Young hares are susceptible to drafts and cannot stand as much cold as grown ones. To keep snuffles out of your rabbitry it is important that you provide comfortable quarters for the young hares.

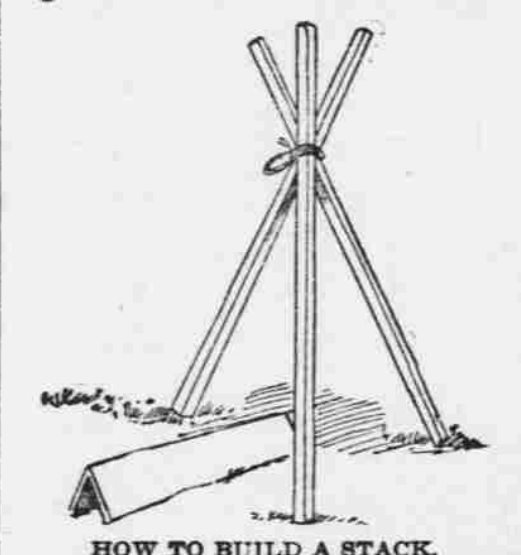
Pleanty of room for exercise should be given the growing stock, for they enjoy a good run quite as much as they do a good feed of oats, and will run in a circle around a pen five feet by five feet if a larger pen is not provided to get the required exercise. Hares that have all the room they need in which to exercise will not cause their owners as much trouble as those penned in small hutches or runs. The large run does not have to be cleaned as often as the hutch, and all kinds of green stuff is fed with impunity as long as they have a variety to choose from.

We always keep a lump of rock salt where our hares can get it at any time, and when feeding corn chop we mix a little salt in it, and occasionally add a spoonful of oil meal to each quart of the chop, moistening all slightly with hot water. The mash is still warm when it reaches them, and is an excellent food for hares of any age, but more particularly those just weaned.—National Rural.

## VENTILATING A STACK.

A Stake and Trough System Which Some Farmers Consider to Be Without an Equal.

Many farm products are stacked in the field to dry out before they are taken into the barn or other buildings. If three stakes are driven into



the ground and a V-shaped, inverted trough is placed, as shown in the cut, and the stack built about the stakes, the air will have access to the interior of the stack, whence it will pass out at the top, if stakes sufficiently long have been used. The stakes also serve a useful purpose in giving stability to the stack when being built, and in holding it up against the effect of winds thereafter.—N. Y. Tribune.

## AMONG THE POULTRY.

Beans are a good feed because they are nitrogenous. Eggs sell better when sent to market in regular cases.

The laying hen consumes more food than one not laying.

The early pullets are the profitable winter egg producers.

Ten hens with one male make about the proper proportion.

Ten weeks from shell to market is the time allotted a chick.

Keep cabbages hanging in the house within reach of the fowls.

Ten flocks, each consisting of ten hens, are enough for an acre.

Egg shells ground to a powder make a good addition to the mash.

Steeped clover with the morning mash is a great egg-producer.

Scatter the grain at noon among litter, so the fowls must exercise.

Green bone is a valuable food for growing chicks and matured fowls.

Ground oats, corn meal and bran constitute proper foods for poultry.

When the weather is cold scald the morning mash and feed while in a warm state.

Hens and pullets may lay as well without the attention of a male bird as with it.

Corn should not be fed exclusively. It should be only a night feed in very cold weather.—Rural World.

## Milk Curd for Poultry.

In cases where milk is very plentiful, and only a portion is needed for fowls, it will be well to give the milk in the form of curd, by heating it until the whey separates from the more solid portions. This is very nutritious and its constituents so nearly resemble the white of the egg that it is really an excellent article of food. Let no one hesitate to take from his waste milk whatever his hens will use, assured that they will yield five times over the returns that swine or other stock would give for the same amount.—Farm and Fireside.

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**Extenuating Circumstances.** Tenderfoot—Did you folks lynch the man who stole the automobile here last week? Capus Charley—Nope. We intended to, but an "extenuating" committee made some experiments and concluded that the thief mobbed the thief, instead of the thief mobbed the thief.—Baltimore American.

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Journalist—What's his price?—Detroit Free Press.

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## THE MARKETS.

	New York, Dec. 11.
CATTLE—Native Steers	\$4.15
COTTON—Middling	10 1/2
FLOUR—Winter Wheat	3 25
WHEAT—No. 2 Red	1 1/2
CORN—No. 2	45 1/2
PORE—Mess	12 00

	St. Louis.
COTTON—Middling	10 1/2
BEEVES—steers	4 25
CALVES	4 25
HOGS—Fair to Choice	4 25
SHEEP—Fair to Choice	4 25
FLOUR—Patents (new)	3 25
WHEAT—No. 2 Red	1 1/2
CORN—No. 2	45 1/2
PORE—Mess	12 00

	Chicago.
CATTLE—Native Steers	4 15
HOGS—Fair to Choice	4 25
FLOUR—Winter Patents	3 25
WHEAT—No. 2 Red	1 1/2
CORN—No. 2	45 1/2
PORE—Mess	12 00

	Kansas City.
CATTLE—Native Steers	4 15
HOGS—Fair to Choice	4 25
FLOUR—Winter Patents	3 25
WHEAT—No. 2 Red	1 1/2
CORN—No. 2	45 1/2
PORE—Mess	12 00

	St. Paul.
CATTLE—Native Steers	4 15
HOGS—Fair to Choice	4 25
FLOUR—Winter Patents	3 25
WHEAT—No. 2 Red	1 1/2
CORN—No. 2	45 1/2
PORE—Mess	12 00

	Minneapolis.
CATTLE—Native Steers	4 15
HOGS—Fair to Choice	4 25
FLOUR—Winter Patents	3 25
WHEAT—No. 2 Red	1 1/2
CORN—No. 2	45 1/2
PORE—Mess	12 00

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